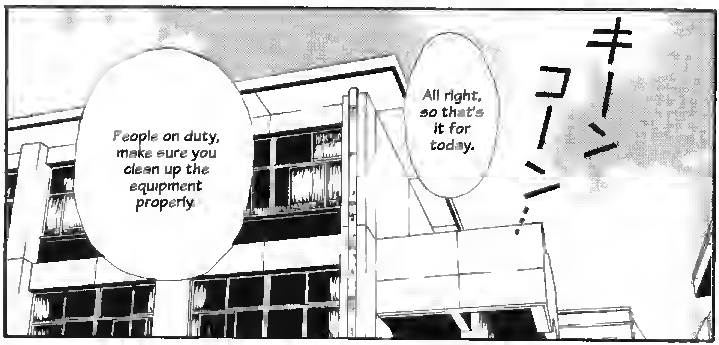
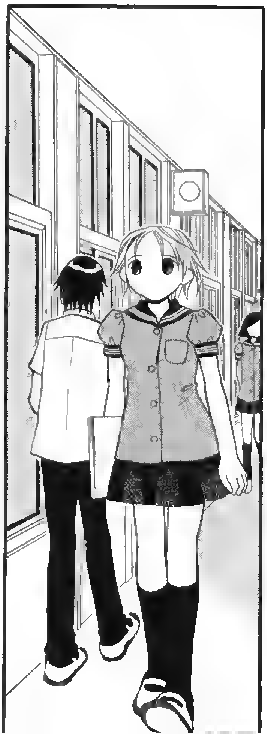
Serve 23

ADULT TEARS FOR A CHILD'S FEARS

「子供の悩みに大人の涙」



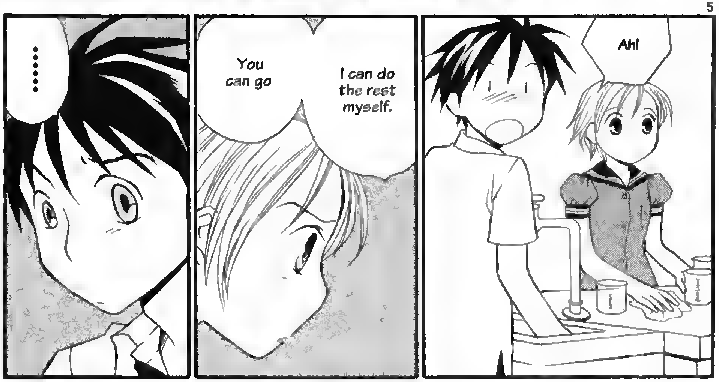


SFX: JAAA <WATER>

!
ガラ!
AH.
?
!
And I'm Teacher's Aide.
I have my next class here.
DOING HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU..
WH...
.....

SFX. JAA <WATER FLOWING>
SFX. KYU KYU <CLEAN CLEAN>
……
……
キュキュ
……
……YES,
IT'S TRUE!
YOU, YOURSELF, SENPAI,
SHOULD ALSO COME AND VISIT RUBA 7 AT LEAST ONCE—
I-!
SFX: JAAA <WATER FLOWING>
……
…So, after all,
you're still working at Ruba7?

SFX: PING PONG!
I just started club activities
I joined the Ping-Pong club
SFX: OPEN
ガラッ!

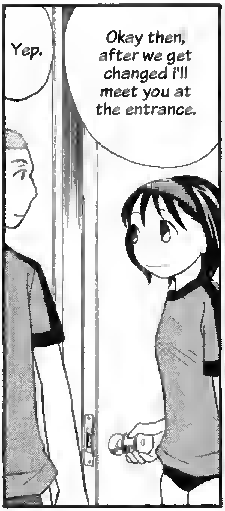

Ah!
You can go
I can do the rest myself.
.....

Oh, sorry.
No, it's all right.
Hm? Whose is this? It's a 2nd-year textbook
Eh?
Ah, its mine!
Why is a second-year still here—?
Whisper whisper
!
OPEN!

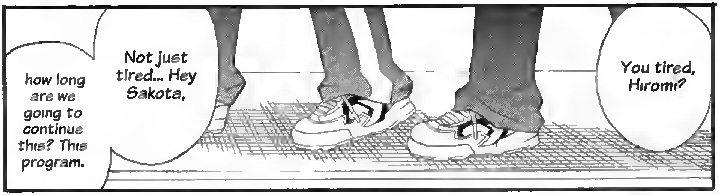
I don't know
Did Soeno-san say something?
?
.....
Though
"I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF PING PONG!"
...That's what you told me.
Despite that, the Ping Pong club...
Senpai's a liar!!

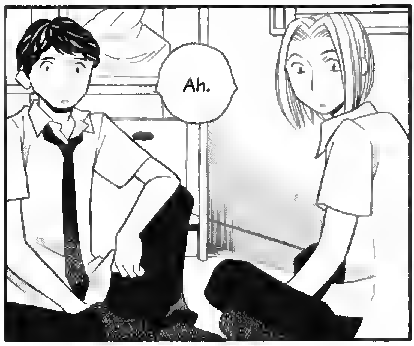
SFX: DING DONG
キーンコーン
Ah.
Morioka-kun!
Here you go.
We just decided the schedule for the tournaments till November
.....
Um... All of these?
Yep!!

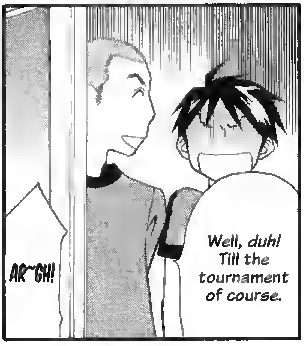
Oh, but didn't I say we're entering you in all the tournaments?
No way!
We're depending on you!
Good luck!
but what's this about me entering all the tourna-ments...?
Ah, well. ...I don't mind us entering.
Do~n't wor~ry!
Why don't we think a bit more? Lets narrow our targets!
What about my permis-sion!?
Don't worry! We got sensei's permission.
If it's Morioka-kun, it'll be fine.
SFX: FON


Yep.
Okay then, after we get changed I'll meet you at the entrance.

Ah~ That was a good work-out!
Good work, Hiromi.


You tired, Hiromi?
Not just tired... Hey Sakota,
how long are we going to continue this? This program.


Ah.


Well, duh! Till the tournament of course.
AR~GH!

Oh~
My bad! My bad!
We just got to talking.
Oh, you guys are still here?
But didn't you get off quite a while ago?
Yeah, it'll be awkward if us useless members take up space.
Well, lets be off now.
SFX: SHUT
バタン
Eh? What?
SORRY HIROMI!
WELL, THOSE GUYS THERE.

Imajuku and Fujieda.
Don't you remember, Hiromi?
You went against Fujieda at the ball-game carnival and you won straight up.
Did I?
Um, who were they? I know they're in "E" class...
Oh, Doesn't matter ...
12
They just resent you for no reason
Don't worry about them.
Hahaha! Poor Fujieda.
You don't even remember him at all.
Well, anyway, those guys— Their whining is first-class even though they don't practice at all.
And as for Fujieda himself, he probably—
Nah, I don't have to tell you that.
?

SFX: SMASH!
スパーン!!
I WOULDN'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT IF I'D BEEN HERE FROM THE START.
I NEVER EXPECTED THEM TO WELCOME ME.
WELL~
WAHAHAHA
I WIN!!
!!
CRA~P!
ARRGH!!
Oh?
CAN'T YOU OVERLOOK AT LEAST A BIT, OLD MAN!?
TOO BAD AGAIN!
NOW!! THE 274TH TOURNAMENT FOR HIROMI'S PAY-RAISE REQUEST IS NOW OVER !!

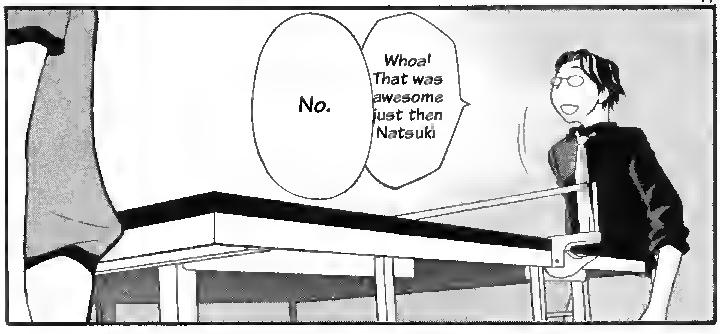
Oh I see.
Really, are you okay with that?
Are you happy to win from sympathy?
AH~ HA HA HA HA!
SORRY! EVEN IF IT WORKS IN SOCIETY, IT DOESN'T PASS HE~RE!
WHAT ONLY WORKS HERE IS ABILITY! ONLY THE WINNER SURVIVES!
OR DIE!
THE LOSER CAN EAT GRASS!
I'M NOT —!
I'M ONLY DEMANDING WHAT'S DUE FOR MY HARD WORK—
HUUUH? I CAN'T HEAR YOU--!!
THAT PLACE WAS REALLY STRAIGHT FORWARD...
Though it was unfair for different reasons.

HE'S NOT INNOCENTLY PLAYING PING-PONG WITH NATSUKI NOW IS HE?
HEHE YOU GO
HEH HEH HEH
.....
SFX: CACKLE
HEHEHE
I WANTED TO WIN AT LEAST ONCE
AGAINST THAT STUPID OLD MAN.
SFX: BANG!
..Are you actually angry, Hiromi?
KILL HIM!
.....
Hiromi is—
on the ping-pong team?

Yes.
He told me.
I see.
カッ
SFX: Hit, Fly
ヒュッ
!
.....
That's why I believe
Hiromi-senpai is really quitting Rubat for good

SFX: HIT
カッ
Bu-but-!
He'll come visit at least once.
He left his paddle and all—
!
FX: SMASH

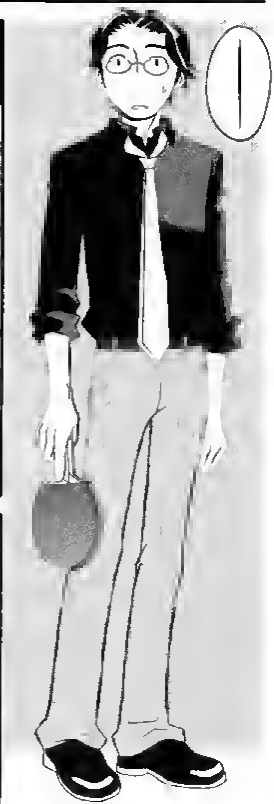
17


No.
Whoa! That was awesome just then Natsuki

No,
Senpai will not come.
Because I saw him purchase a new paddle.

HOW PITIFUL—
ME, GETTING TAKEN BACK BY A HIGH-SCHOOL GIRL.

……


……

カラ
Go get changed down-stairs.
I'll make Yasu take you home, 'cause it's late now.
Yes I will.
Sorry, making you stay back.
Its fine.

Huh?
HIRO
—!
!!
SFX: DASH
SFX: RUN RUN RUN

No...
What?
I'M SORRY I MISTOOK YOU FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
Ah—
Then, I'll leave it to you, Yasu.
Yep, once I finish cleaning up I'll come straight away.

Natsuki...
Uh, yeah
I'm very sorry.
Uh... Nuh...
What's wrong?
Its nothing.

Hurry up, get inside and get changed.
Yasu will come soon.
Yes—

Owner...?
There, there;
don't worry.
NOW I KNOW—
YOUR FEELINGS NATSUKI.

Robbers Seven

Translation: Nanakon27

Edits: traeni
(Meh. Bubble cleaning)

Typesetting: Daffy0

QC:traeni

Rant: My first and probably my last edit for Rubbers seven. On another note, we need more people.

BLAH-Scans